# Larry D. Harper's Claims as "Voice of Elijah"

**Yes, Larry D. Harper does claim to be uniquely called to disclose "The Apostolic Teaching" and restore "the oral teachings of Moses" in "these last days."** Harper's ministry, Voice of Elijah (founded in 1988), is built around these central claims, which he has articulated extensively in his writings since 1990.

## Harper's Claim to Unique Divine Calling

Harper explicitly states that God called him on **August 17, 1966**, and he has never wavered from this belief. In his 1994 newsletter, he wrote with characteristic directness:[1] [2]

> "Did I mention zealous new visionaries trying to wake everybody up to the fact that something more needed to be restored to the Church? **That's me. God called me to do it. To restore what the Church lost, I mean.** I'm not going to start any new church group, so it doesn't matter much to me whether you wake up or not. I don't stand to gain anything. But I've got to do what I've got to do. God knows I wouldn't do it if I didn't have to."[3]

Harper identifies himself as a **Teacher** in the biblical sense—one of the four offices he believes God establishes in the Church—called specifically to prepare born-again believers for the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.[4]

## Claims Regarding "The Apostolic Teaching"

The Voice of Elijah website states its mission is educating believers "through a greater knowledge of the Scriptures, *The Apostolic Teaching*, and Early Christian beliefs concerning the End Times". Harper contends that this Apostolic Teaching was what Jesus Christ "handed down" to His disciples after His Resurrection but was subsequently lost by the Early Church.[5] [6] [7]

In a 2008 publication, Harper made this explicit promise: "**Over the next several years, I will completely restore The Apostolic Teaching and explain everything that Jesus Christ revealed to His Apostles about The Teaching of Moses and The Teaching of the Prophets** that lies hidden in the text of the Hebrew Scriptures". He states that by the grace of God, "The Teaching is being *restored* one last time".[8] [9]

## Claims Regarding "The Oral Teaching of Moses"

Harper's ministry devotes considerable attention to what he calls "The Teaching of Moses," which he explicitly identifies as an **oral Teaching**. On the Voice of Elijah website, he states:

> "*The Teaching of Moses* was, and still is, a specific body of knowledge which began as an *oral Teaching* that God instructed Moses to *hand down* to the sons of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai." [10]

Harper argues that while most Christians believe the Mosaic Law and Pentateuch comprise all Moses taught Israel, the Jews correctly understand that Moses delivered "both an *oral Torah* (oral Teaching) and a *written Torah* (written Teaching) to the sons of Israel at Mt. Sinai". He claims this oral Teaching explains the meaning and significance of the **parabolic images** and **Hebrew idioms** used by the Prophets—knowledge he believes was lost and that he has been called to restore. [11] [10]

In his teaching materials, Harper explains that the priests (not the Prophets) were originally responsible for transmitting this oral Teaching, and "The Prophets were supposed to come in and *restore The Teaching*. If the need arose, God would use them as His spokesperson to *restore The Teaching*". [11]

## "Last Days" Restoration Claims

Harper explicitly connects his calling to end-times restoration. A statement from his materials reads: "**Restoration of 'The Way' is the task to which God has called me in these 'Last Days.'** To fulfill my calling, I must not only record The Teaching that God..." [12]

This positions Harper's ministry as fulfilling a prophetic role in the period leading up to Christ's return—preparing what he calls "True Believers" for the appearance of the Antichrist and the events described in biblical prophecy.

## The Malachi 4 / Elijah Connection

The very name "Voice of Elijah" directly references Malachi 4:5-6, where God promises to send "Elijah the Prophet" before "the great and dreadful day of the Lord." Harper explicitly claims his calling fulfills this prophecy, stating he has been "called to 'restore the heart' (the mind-set) 'of the fathers' to those who will voluntarily choose to 'remember The Teaching of Moses'"—language drawn directly from Malachi 4:4-6. [9]

His January 2025 newsletter confirms this self-understanding: "Over the past thirty-four years, I have gradually, in bits and pieces, revealed my understanding of my calling... I have not been shy about telling you not only that God called me to do what I am doing but also why He called me to do it". [13]

### Assessment of Exclusivity

Harper's claims carry significant exclusivist implications. He argues that:

- The Protestant Reformers "failed to understand that the Church obtained the one true *meaning* of the Scriptures by means of revelation from Jesus Christ" [7]
- After the Apostles died, "the Early Church lost The Teaching" [7]
- The Church today has lost "all but a wee bit of the Truth that Jesus Christ handed down to His Apostles" [13]
- He alone has received the calling to restore this lost knowledge in these final days

While Harper disclaims interest in starting a new church and emphasizes he receives no compensation from Voice of Elijah for his writings, his claims effectively position him as the singular conduit through which authentic apostolic teaching is being recovered for the end-time remnant of "True Believers." [1]

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